**Alternative road on the bank of Tindi in HP**

†918.SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road from tribal district Lahaul-Spiti Udaipur towards Pangi-Kilad of Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh is under Boarder Road Organisation remain closed due to heavy snowfall causing obstruction in the movement of farmers from tribal areas and transportation of their cash crops;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to construct an alternative road on this route on the left bank upto Tindi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no operational requirement for construction of an alternative road up to Tindi.

**Cantonments in various States**

†919. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contonment areas in various States of the country;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from the residents of various cantonment areas;

(c) if so, the type of such complaints and the States from which these have been received alongwith the measures Government have taken to resolve the same; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There are 62 Cantonments located in 19 States of the country as per list enclosed at enclosed Statement (See Below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Complaints are received from residents of cantonment areas, from time to time on various subjects like the adequacy of civic amenities, better infrastructural requirements, quantum of property tax, grievance against staff. Efforts are made to mitigate the grievances of the residents. In-built mechanism is there in Cantonments Act, 1924 to appeal before the District Courts against the assessment of property by the aggrieved residents. In case of gross dereliction of duty by the staff, action is taken by the Cantonment Boards under the provisions of Cantonment Act, 1924 and Cantonment Fund Servants Rules, 1937 made thereunder.

Majority of the Cantonment Boards have framed Citizen's Charter and have set up Information and facilitation counters which are open to all Citizens. Since complaints are generally addressed by the complainants to the specific Cantonment Boards, no centralized details of such complaints received by the Cantonment Boards are maintained in the Ministry of Defence.

***Statement***

*Cantonment areas in various States of the Country*

| SI. No. | Name of the State | No. of Cantonments in each State | Name of the Cantonment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1 | Secunderabad |
| 2. | Bihar | 1 | Danapur |
| 3. | Delhi | 1 | Delhi |
| 4. | Gujarat | 1 | Ahmedabad |
| 5. | Haryana | 1 | Ambala |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 7 | Bakloh<br>Dagshai<br>Dalhousie<br>Jutogh<br>Kasauli<br>Khasyol<br>Subathu |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 2 | Jammu |
| 8. | Jharkhand | 1 | Badamibagh |
| 9. | Karnataka | 1 | Ramgarh |
| 10. | Kerala | 1 | Belgaum |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 5 | Cannanore<br>Jabalpur<br>Mhow<br>Morar<br>Pachmarhi<br>Saugor |

| SI. No. | Name of the State | No. of Cantonments In each State | Name of the Cantonment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | Maharashtra | 7 | Ahmednagar<br>Aurangabad<br>Dehu Road<br>Deolali<br>Kamptee<br>Kirkee<br>Pune |
| 13. | Meghalaya | 1 | Shillong |
| 14. | Punjab | 3 | Ferozpur<br>Amritsar<br>Jalandhar |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 2 | Ajmer<br>Nasirabad |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | 2 | Wellington<br>St. Thomas Mount |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 13 | Agra<br>Babina<br>Allahabad<br>Bareilly<br>Faizabad<br>Fatehgarh<br>Jhansi<br>Kanpur<br>Lucknow<br>Mathura<br>Meerut<br>Shahajhanpur<br>Varanasi |
| 18. | Uttaranchal | 9 | Almora<br>Chakrata<br>Clement Town<br>Landpur<br>Dehradun<br>Lansdowne<br>Naintal<br>Roorkee<br>Ranikhet |
| 19. | West Bengal | 3 | Barrackpore<br>Labong<br>Jalapahar |
| | TOTAL | 62 | |